

Erickson to Oppose Yanks in Third Game Today: Three Clubs Have Rookie Catching Stars

BOB SHAWKEY, WHO SEEKS COMEBACK, MAY FACE HIM

Combination of Mays and Scott Proves Too Much for Griffis, When Zachary Falters in Fielding at Break of the Game.

BY DENMAN THOMPSON.

THE Nationals' first winning "streak" was the shortest possible, because it was their fate to encounter Carl Mays in the second game of the season, and it went to the Yanks, 5-2. This is another day, however, and having no subway slants to contend with, the Griffis hope to regain a passel of those 500 percentage points they dropped at one fell swoop yesterday when Jezebel Tecumseh Zachary and Joseph Paul Gleason proved unequal to the task of matching brains and brawn with the blond giant from New York.

This afternoon, unless predicted showers interfere, the Griffis will endeavor to prove that crowded stands, the presence of distinguished personages and the general hubbub attendant upon an opening day is not absolutely essential to them as an incentive to victory, and to demonstrate they can get just as much inspiration from an average size weekday turnout, augmented by an extra liberal representation of members of the fair sex and Boy Scouts, who on all Fridays are admitted as guests of the club.

Advance dope was that to Eric George Erickson would be assigned the task of subjugating the gang that took liberties with the offerings of two of his mates yesterday to the extent of thirteen base blows, with Tomasso Phillips from New Orleans hardly ready for possible emergency work. The massive Swede has not appeared in a contest since he was "tapped on the wrist" of his pitching arm by line drive on the barnstorming tour some ten days ago, but the wing in question has shown no signs of disintegration in practice since then, and he is believed to be in condition to give a good account of himself.

Shawkey was the indicated choice of Miller Huggins for slab service, although he has in Bush and Hays other veterans who have yet to make their 1922 bow in a championship game. Shawkey proved a bitter disappointment in the late-and-by-the-Yanks, lamented-world series fracas with the Giants, but he is endeavoring to stage a strong comeback this spring, and Bob the Gob is numbered among those who believe the deed will be done.

National Association.

Although the run and hit totals of the Nationals both were more than doubled by the Yanks in yesterday's snappy, but to the former, unimpressive exhibition, the latter were not beaten as badly as a casual glance at the statistics of the game would indicate. As a matter of fact, what proved to be a rather lop-sided defeat might well have resulted in a victory had the scientific bigwigs prate about been functioning according to Hoyer in the massive frame of Zachary in the seventh inning.

At that time the board showed a run apiece for the contesting factions, there was one out and McMillan roosted on first by virtue of a lousy single to left. Pipp bounced smartly to Zachary and that worthy consumed so much valuable time chucking to Peck at second that Rajah was unable to ferry the ball to Judge in time to get the verdict from Ump Owens.

It was the well known break of the inning that afforded opportunity for several more Yanks to wield their maces, and before the final retirement of the inning was effected four consecutive hits, good for two runs, had been recorded. That two of them were flukes, however, is not what had his chance for a saving double play and when he neglected it the goddess of luck evinced her displeasure by frowning grimly. Dinky Little Texas leaguers by Ward and Scott ensued and Schanong followed with a real hit.

What "might have been" is apparent from the fact that after yielding a tally in the opener on Miller's tremendous clout to the left field wall for three bases, Zachary pursued the even tenor of his way, allowing only one hit to an inning and receiving the benefit of snappy support as is evidenced by a trio of dual killings executed by his mates.

Deleting the unfortunate incidents enumerated, there might well have been a different story to tell, for the

HOW GRIFFIS ARE HITTING

| Time | G. | A. | B. | S. | R. | B. | P. |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Harris | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 |
| Morgie | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 500 |
| Judge | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 440 |
| Shanks | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 428 |
| Chaffery | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 428 |
| Donner | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 428 |
| Peckinpaugh | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 428 |
| Smith | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 428 |
| Zachary | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 428 |
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INDIANS AND BROWNS TAKE SECOND IN ROW

Indians and Browns made their winning records two straight yesterday in the American League. The former again took the measure of the Tigers, while the St. Louis aggregation took another fall out of the White Sox. The Red Sox triumphed, evening the series with the Macs by hitting Ehmeke hard in the second and seventh innings, the Tribe beat the Tigers 8 to 2. Pilette pitched the last inning for the Cobblers. In the second inning, Pilette was hit on his throwing arm by Ehmeke, who threw to nip the Cleveland off second, and had to retire. Colevekie finished the game. Flagstad, Speaker and Jamieson made starting catches. The Browns bunched hits off Hodge for a 4-to-2 win over the White Sox. Shovel gave way to Russell in the ninth. Danforth, who went the route for the victors, gave nine bases on balls, but was not in line for the win. Sisler and Jacobson each got two hits.

Karr held the Athletics to five safeties and the Red Sox won, 6 to 2. Errors figured in both Philadelphia runs. Harris, who started on the slab, hit two home runs in the first two innings. Yarrison and Sullivan followed. Pratt hit two doubles and two singles in five times at bat.

SIDELIGHTS ON THE GAME

If Zachary could have lived up to the standard of fielding displayed by his mates, the red-thatched portlander might have started the season with a win credited to him. Double plays they effected in the second, third and fifth bays were much to do with limiting New York's offense.

Everett Scott richly deserves his reputation as fielding champion. The shortstopper, but where do they get that stuff about his "weak" hitting? His two blows yesterday drove in six many runs and he scored one himself, proving more effective on the field than in the batting cage.

Rice, Harris and Shanks displayed fine teamwork in erasing Schang at third in the final frame. Hank did a neat job of tagging following perfect pegs by Sam and Stan after Wally uncorked his double.

McMillan had to back up against the barrier to coral Rice's lousy clout in the fourth. The visiting scribes think well of this youngster, some of them predicting that Bob Meusel may have a tough time replacing him in the regular berth when his suspension is lifted.

An error that was undesired, but inevitable, was charged against McMillan in the sixth, when his return of Judge's double bounced through the entire New York infield and permitted Joe to take an extra base. Scott gave evidence of the gray matter he is noted for by rushing in to cover the plate, or Judge could have scored, as the counting block had been left unprotected.

With Ruth pulling for them in a box back of their dugout Wednesday, the Yanks were unable to win, but with the Bambino twenty miles away, at the Bowie race track, yesterday they turned the trick neatly. The Babe is getting his workouts each morning with the Nationals. He pitches to batters, for ten or fifteen minutes and then takes his turn at the plate in the wind drill.

Harris alone of the Griffis was able to connect safely twice with Mays' offerings. Peck, Smith and Gary were effectually squelched.

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Mount Pleasant Athletic Club is scheduled to open its season tomorrow with a game against the Powhatan. Other games listed by the Mount Pleasant follow: April 17, Brookland Indians, at Brookland; 18, Riggs Athletic Club, at Riggs; 19, Warwick Athletic Club; 20, Perworth Athletic Club, at Reservoir; 21, Epiphany Juniors, at Monument; 22, Cleveland, at Cleveland; 23, Triangle Athletic Club, at Union station; 24, Langdon Cubs, at Langdon. Teams desiring to meet the Mount Pleasant should telephone Manager Marsh, North 5428.

Triangle Athletic Club has signed Bateman, Shoemaker, Potter, Mayhue, Brauner, Wolfe, Woodcock, Love, Brown, Bruffy, Windsor and Alderman and wants the following: J. R. Lankford, 652a Orleans place northeast. Dominican Lyceums are to practice tomorrow afternoon on Monument lot, diamond No. 3. All players are to report at 5 o'clock.

Triangle Athletic Club of Landover, Md., is to entertain the Circles Sunday in a game starting at 3 o'clock. Managers of the teams are: J. R. Lankford, 652a Orleans place northeast. Dominican Lyceums are to practice tomorrow afternoon on Monument lot, diamond No. 3. All players are to report at 5 o'clock.

Interstate Juniors, Shipping Board Juniors, Agriculture Juniors, G. P. O. Juniors and Census Bureau Juniors are organizing a Junior Departmental League. C. P. Lewis, room 1121, Interstate Commerce building, whose telephone is Main 7460, branch 163, wants to hear from the Chemistry Juniors, Railroad Juniors, Post Office Juniors, Treasury Juniors and other fifteen sixteen-year departmental nines desiring to take franchises in the circuit.

Spur Athletic Club wants a Sunday game with some team that has a field near the clubhouse. The clubhouse is at 729 7th street southwest, or telephone Main 8231 after 6 p.m.

Philadelphia Athletic Club downed the Hokies nine, 15 to 6, and is casting about for more action in the fifteen-year class. Challenges will be received by Manager Quigley over telephone West 1168-W.

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CUBS, DODGERS, PIRATES HAVE BACKSTOP PHENOMS

BY JOHN B. FOSTER.

THREE major league managers are walking around with twinkling eyes and approving smiles. Each of them sprung a kid catcher on the opening day and each rookie played like an old-timer. Hartnett of the Cubs wriggled into the limelight without an advance notice and caught Alexander as if he had been attaching himself to Alex's curves as long as Killefer. The latter brought out Hartnett's fine points this spring and tells the fans to watch him. Hartnett played with Worcester, Mass., last year. Deberry looked mighty good for Brooklyn before the season began and he looked a lot better after he had played his first game against the Giants. Pittsburgh has been cracking up Gooch ever since the debacle of 1921, and the former southern catcher held up his end a lot better than some of the Pittsburgh veterans.

It was the first time in many a season that so many youngsters were turned loose behind the bat on opening day. In addition to the three novices, there were Heinie of the Phillies and Bassler of the Detroit, each with only a year's experience in a big league. All around it was a triumph for new blood behind the bat.

Heinman of the Detroit is thumping the ball at 600-meter-power as he did last spring, and if he keeps up until the 1st of June, the gentle chaps who said that he was only a bloomer may cave in and give him credit for being a pretty fair batsman. If he could wait with the patience of some batters, the American League would have a fine time trying to dislodge him from the top for the next three years.

Fewer runs and fewer hits were made in the opening games of 1922 than were made in those of 1921. "Better clubs and better players this year," said Wilbert Robinson, heavy-weight of Brooklyn, when asked his theory of it.

Irish Meusel of the Giants shows symptoms of acquiring the home-run habit. He is setting them one a day, and that of the second game against both St. Louis clubs are running strictly to form and the Pittsburgh club is showing badly. The Pirates haven't the confident self-assurance which they had early last season.

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